

## ASHFORD'S HARD FACTS.

## WHAT HE WROTE FOR BLOUNT'S REPORT.

A Chapter of the Monarchy Which the People of Hawaii Should Remind Themselves Of.

By request the STAR republishes the Chronicle's text of Colonel Ashford's able contribution to Mr. Blount's report—a document which a Royalist paper recently said had "exonerated the Queen and the monarchy."

"HONOLULU, April 9.—Your correspondent has secured a copy of the text of a secret report upon Hawaiian politics made to Commissioner Blount at his request by Colonel Volney V. Ashford. Colonel Ashford has lately returned to Hawaii from the United States, whither he was banished several months ago by the Queen's Government, and is now leading the Statehood movement. He is a Canadian by birth and has served in the American and British armies. He organized the Hawaiian Rifles, which was the backbone of the revolution of 1887, and has been prominent in politics for a decade.

"Ashford gives a clear account of the causes that led to the uprising of 1887. Then he sketches in a few strong paragraphs the recent events that led to the Queen's overthrow. Like most other shrewd observers Ashford attributes this largely to the infamies of Marshal Wilson and other corrupt favorites of the Queen. Of Wilson's relations to the Queen he says:

"Wilson's 'pull' on the Queen consisted, in fact, that for many years he has been her chief favorite. They openly assumed suspicious relations years before the death of her husband; and he himself, although a man with a family, moved into the dead man's house and permanently established himself therein almost before the corpse was cold. A private gateway was cut through the palace wall, immediately contiguous to the Queen's private apartments, through which the guards allowed none but Wilson to pass, a scandal at which even the most obtuse of the native people drew the line. The pair were publicly accused of openly living together in the Queen's place at Waikiki, a suburb of Honolulu, during and succeeding the 'sand-bag' episode at the palace, just preceding the descent upon the league. All these and many other equally scandalous acts are matters of public notoriety at the capital, and have been aired and commented upon in scathing terms by the native press of Honolulu; but the English press were either gagged by the palace party or kept silent to avoid the effects of the scandal abroad. Through the Queen's influence over her brother (during his absolute power of official patronage) Wilson was given the superintendency of the Honolulu Water Works, though he was ignorant of all theory regulating hydraulics, and the real work was necessarily done by another highly paid official. Wilson collected the water rates, however, and an investigation being demanded by a member of the Legislature of 1886, a parliamentary committee found he had stolen in the neighborhood of \$16,000 from the receipts. Then through the same influence the Cabinet of the day entered into a stipulation whereby the matter was compromised, Wilson repaying into the treasury \$10,000. The Princess paid over \$5000 of this amount in cash, and by her further influence, exerted in the same direction, prevailed on the Legislature to pass an act of indemnity restoring to her the \$5,000 out of the public funds. To save further scandal, friends of the Ministry induced Wilson's notes for another \$5000 on the Government's pledge to retain one-half of his salary until the amount was recouped, while he himself, of course, retained the office, although members of the Legislature, from their place on the floor of the House, expressed the opinion that he should be breaking stones on the street with a ball chained to him.

"At the revolution of 1887 the fellow was believed to be a spy on both sides, and the King subsequently informed friends that he at least betrayed him into the enemy's hands as soon as the revolutionary cause began to promise success. He was in the Dominion conspiracy in 1888, and was the man to first reach the Government officials and betray his comrades when he suspected the plot was discovered. Unless the official documents were stolen while he and his tools were in power, there are still confessions of his own, under oath, in the Government archives, which would hang him, to use the words of the then Minister of the Interior. The particulars of this conspiracy were suppressed by the Government of the day, to prevent a lowering of Hawaiian bonds then selling in London on a \$2,000,000 loan, and for other reasons already stated. He was in the Wilson insurrection of 1889, but kept out of harm's way, and it was developed at the trial of Loomens that he introduced Loomens to the King and sent him, by the King's order, to join the conspirators.

"During the Queen's reign and his incompetency of the marshaling he was the absolute dictator in Hawaii. It was common report that no act of importance in governmental functions transpired without either emanating from him or receiving his approval. He over and over again insulted the people, the Legislature and the Cabinet by openly commanding the Queen to disregard the Premier, on behalf of the Cabinet, when that Minister was urging upon her the adoption, modification or rejection of contemplated public acts. Boodle, thievery, blackmailing, bribe-taking and general disregard of the laws were alarmingly common; and gambling houses, dives, illicit liquor dens, opium

joints, and the wholesale importation of that deadly drug have been openly charged in the public press as being traced to his acquiescence for monetary considerations. He kept a body guard about him, composed in part from fugitives from justice from other countries accused of all degrees of crime.

"Wilson is a half-breed Tahitian who as a wife, was brought to Honolulu by an old Hawaiian sea captain. He grew up here, learned the blacksmith trade and followed it till his physical development attracted the attention of Mrs. Dominis, who at once procured a Government office for him and advanced him as occasion offered. Though physically large, active and well proportioned, he is morally of a low order—a circumstance which is true of all the ex-Queen's favorites. The feeling of disgust resulting from the Palace scandals, as well as the general repugnance to having the laws administered by worthless favorites, combined to originate the league 'to promote justice and equal rights in the political Government of Hawaii.' Among the wrongs to be remedied was, of course, the differential franchise, and it was the belief of the Hawaiian leaguers that annexation would mean equal civil rights which most strongly tended to bring the annexation view into prominence among them as the true solution of the question. At first the Palace party encouraged the league. They thought to use them in the promulgation of a new Constitution by throwing to them the sop of 'equal rights' in exchange for their actual co-operation in the Queen's intended coup.

"The league did not openly quarrel with the Queen's representatives, but 'negotiated' at arm's length, with the object of being left unmolested by the authorities, or, rather, by Wilson, who was directing the 'new Constitution' conspiracy from the Queen's side, and giving only such information to the Ministers of the Government as the Queen's party chose they should know.

"The league rapidly increased in numbers and included many of the best natives and half-whites in the country. By May 31st there were over 300 sworn members. There was a quasi-military organization, controlled mostly by ex-officers or native chief officers of late native volunteer companies or of the guard. Spies reported that the leaders of the league had arranged for a large supply of arms to be landed by smuggling from small craft at out-of-the-way points. The Legislature was about to meet, and it was the Queen's plan that the new order of things must be inaugurated in time to prevent its meeting.

"Matters finally came to a head by the refusal of Wilcox to agree to the Queen's demands. Warrants were made out for every member of the league whom the spies had located—some eighty-seven in number. Plans were laid to attack and shoot down in cold blood the executive council of the league, who were, according to information from spies, to hold a meeting at my rooms that night. This was to be done under cover of an alleged but bogus resistance to arrest, in face of warrants, and to make the thing complete, martial law was to be at once declared and the league leaders were to be disposed of by a court-martial, composed of officers of her Majesty's personal staff and royal guard. But the league had friends at the Palace and at the headquarters of most of the Government departments: so the meeting did not take place, but, instead, Wilcox and other leaders attended a public meeting of the Liberal party on that evening and denounced the Government, the Queen and royalty in the bitterest terms. If there was basis for the 'arms' story, no evidence was found in the searches by the police of residences of all known to belong to the league. But the details of the first move having failed, it was still contemplated by the Queen to remove, at all hazards, those she considered her enemies. It is positively known that a proclamation of martial law was drafted by one of the Queen's advisers, revised in the Attorney-General's office and carried for some days in the pocket of one of the Queen's staff, while the authorities were busily engaged in hunting up more evidence.

"The Palace party calculated to stifle all necessity for such evidence as would convict in a court of justice by establishing a 'military' court, composed of ignorant Kanaka partisans and body servants of the Queen. In this search for evidence, after the arrests, the authorities threw parties into prison without warrant or form of law, kept some without food for days, piled prisoners with promises of reward and office if they would perjure themselves in such a way as to make a case against the Liberal leaders, and with threats of death in case of refusal, and used means to extort 'evidence' of the kind they wanted in a manner which would disgrace brigands. These facts were proved in court by witnesses for the prosecution. But the failure of the Queen to destroy all opposition to her abominable course is due chiefly, after all, to the interference of Major Wodehouse, British Commissioner (now Minister), on my behalf as a Canadian, by compelling the Government to try the conspirators in one of the courts of law instead of by a so-called military tribunal.

"A Growing Concern.

The increasing business of the California Feed Company has led it to take larger quarters, though keeping its old place at Lileo. The company imports by the shipload and will soon have a fresh cargo of hay and grain by the bark Mauna Ala. The main offices of the company are now at the corner of Nuuanu and Queen streets in the warehouses recently occupied by J. F. Colburn.

## THE NEW SAILORS' HOME

## VISITED BY A COMMITTEE OF THE TRUSTEES.

Plans and Specifications Ordered for Necessary Outbuildings and Fencing.

The Building Committee of the Trustees of the Sailors' Home, consisting of Messrs. C. M. Cooke, J. H. Paty, H. F. Glade, W. W. Hall and J. H. Schaefer paid a visit of inspection to the new building this morning, accompanied by the architect and contractor. The exception of a few minor details, which will be attended to in a day or two, the building was found to answer all requirements. When these are completed a formal vote of the committee will be taken on its acceptance from the contractors.

It was decided to have plans and specifications prepared for the immediate erection of the necessary outbuildings and sheds, and bids for their construction will be asked for. The ground surrounding the Home will be inclosed with a neat wooden fence and the lot leveled off and planted with grass and shrubbery to give it an attractive appearance. The trustees hope that the street improvements in the vicinity of the Home will be hurried up. No definite period has yet been fixed for the opening of the building to the public.

## HOW RUMORS GROW.

From the Polynesian State to Perfect Maturity.

EDITOR STAR: That a STAR reporter traced a Royalist rumor through the labyrinth of street gossip and missed the trail at the Golden Rule Bazaar is a cause for some reflection on the origin and growth of the many rumors that help to inspire the ex-Queen's friends. A simple remark—a mere polynog of an expression of thought—may be enforced and thrive if judiciously nurtured, and in the space of half a day attain an importance that will fire the Royalist heart with real new spirit.

Some one in the Bazaar, for instance, may say, as he looks out of the window and sees Mr. Mills going along, "There goes Mills." The person who hears this walks up to Hobson, Newman & Co.'s corner and says to a Royalist friend, "Mills just passed by."

"Which way?" is asked. "Up to wards Beretania street." The Royalist crosses over and casually tells a hackman that Mills has gone up Beretania street. The hackman quietly says to a favored passenger, "I hear Mills was seen walking up towards Washington Place this morning." Instantly the perambulations of Mills become intensely interesting, and the passenger afterwards finds some political acquaintances on the main side of Merchant street, between Fort street and Bishop's bank, to whom he makes this announcement—"Minister Mills has sent Mills up to Washington Place." With one accord the crowd exclaims, "To try to get an audience with the Queen, of course!"

The Royalist rumor and the coming of restoration day are subjects that force themselves upon one's attention every day and could not be more tiresome if they were set to the music of "After the Ball."

## A FORMER CRY OF "WOLF."

Some of the Many Disturbing Rumors That Amounted to Nothing.

HONOLULU, April 9.—The departure of the China permits the sending of two days' later news than that which went to the coast on the Mariposa. Within the twenty-four hours just past nothing of marked importance has occurred, although the air is filled with rumors of a coming restoration. It is certain that the ex-Queen looks upon a return to Lani palace as among the events of the near future. The friends of the Provisional Government ridicule the report, but are dissatisfied at the reticence of Colonel Blount to them and his apparent good terms with the Royalist leaders.

However, the rumors that the Queen is to be restored are so common and so threatening that the Americans here, while not in a panic, are filled with grave misgivings. All the Royalist leaders have an air of unmistakable triumph. Colonel George Macfarlane reported last night that he had seen Colonel Blount, and that the latter, with a hearty grasp of the hand, said: "My program is only half finished." Others claim that the United States Commissioner has definitely promised to undo the work of Minister Stevens and restore the status quo ante.

If this is true the Hawaiian group will become the "Inferno of the Pacific" in more than a volcanic sense, but that it is true the leading Annexationists, though visibly disturbed in mind, cannot convince themselves.—Chronicle.

Scarcely of this kind have been of fort-nightly occurrence for eight or nine months, but have all proved to be the invention of idle minds.

The Norrie Libel Case.

In the Circuit Court this morning the Attorney-General moved the Court to have the case of Edmund Norrie placed on the criminal calendar. The defense objected on the ground that the commitment of the District Magistrate was dated on November 7th, three days after the opening of the term. Judge Cooper overruled the objection. Counsel for the defense excepted to the ruling.

According to one of the many rumors about, to-night has been fixed as the time for the Royalists to take possession of the Government buildings. It is generally hoped the attempt will be made.

## NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

The Board of Health is in session this afternoon.

Polynesian Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F., meets on Friday night.

There have been no passengers booked to leave by the Alameda so far.

A lot of fancy goods belonging to Mrs. Lack were sold at auction this morning.

The STAR has received numerous compliments on its improved appearance.

Squad No. 5 of the Citizens' Reserve held a meeting last night to perfect details.

The HAWAIIAN STAR Company is now prepared to do all kinds of job work at reasonable rates.

Some Royalists were foolish enough to bet money yesterday that the ex-Queen would be "restored" to-day.

The Gazette Company has shipped two pairs of carrier pigeons to John M. Horner at Kakaia, Hawaii.

A large amount of stock of the Hawaiian Exhibition Company has been subscribed in San Francisco.

A four-year-old son of Nick Peterson, the hack driver, broke his thigh bone yesterday afternoon while playing.

Mails and Ki were found \$250 and \$200 respectively by Judge Robertson yesterday for having opium in their possession unlawfully.

The stone curbing for a new sidewalk on the quarter block at the corner of Bethel and Hotel streets has been hauled to the premises to-day.

The commitment and other papers in the libel suit against Edmund Norrie, editor of the *Honolulu*, have been sent up to the Circuit Court.

There is trouble in the Japanese church and it bids fair to split up into various small congregations of different denominations and pastors.

The Pacific Hardware Company exhibit in one of their windows a large photograph of about fifty members of Excelsior and Harmony Lodges, I. O. O. F.

A letter from Maui states that W. H. Cornell had circulated a story among the natives that the ex-Queen would be "restored" by the American Minister yesterday.

The call attributed to the ex-Queen by Ellis Mills was made by a Mr. Ellis, as we are informed by one who was on the Washington Place premises at the time.

The members of the minstrel organization are practicing faithfully, and expect to be able to furnish an elaborate program for the first performance, which will be given on the 25th.

## PERSONAL.

J. R. Holt, Jr., of Waianae, is at the Arlington.

Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Baker have returned to Hilo.

Theo. H. Davies and his son have gone to Mahukona.

W. Peak was the only passenger for the Volcano yesterday.

Miss Kate McGrew and Mrs. Van Vleet have gone to Kauai for a short visit.

Brother Bertram of the St. Louis college has gone on a trip to Maui, where he will spend a couple of weeks in visiting the Catholic schools.

The Lougee Brothers, who have been here as divers for some time, have finished their work on the Miowera and expect to return to San Francisco by the Alameda sailing to-morrow.

## CHINESE POI SHOPS.

Those Near the King Street Bridge Said to Be a Salsance.

EDITOR STAR: I desire to call the attention of the Board of Health to the condition of the Chinese shops on the mauka side of King-street bridge. Poi peelings and other kinds of foul matter are dumped under the houses and on to the bank of the river, where it is converted into a seething mass of corruption, from which the germs of disease will eventually spread into the city. At present the smell is overpowering to pedestrians and the restaurant trade is being injured, as strangers not understanding the situation suppose the smell emanates from where they are and consequently leave in disgust. This could easily be remedied by the Government connecting the end of Hotel street with King street (which is a distance of between 60 and 100 feet), by building a walk and filling in. The cost would be comparatively small, as the material for the same could be taken from the island in the bed of the river. The offal could be run out through pipes into deep water.

## Ananias Not in It.

Within five minutes after the booming of the cannon which saluted the British Minister on leaving the Philadelphia a STAR reporter was asked if it was true that Mrs. Dominis was on board the flagship, and that the saluting was in her honor. Verily, old Ananias would stand no show in Honolulu, and the father of lies himself would have to take a back seat.

## To Dissolve an Injunction.

A. J. Cartwright, by his attorney C. W. Ashford, has filed a motion to dissolve the injunction issued against him on November 4th, restraining him from disposing of his property pending the termination of the divorce suit. The motion will be heard by Judge Whiting to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

## FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

## THE MIOWERA'S INJURIES NOT SERIOUS.

The British Cruiser *Champion* Due To-day.—The Waialeale Sails—Official Visit.

The steamer *Likelike* is undergoing a thorough overhauling.

The bark *Matilda* will sail in ballast for Departure bay Saturday.

The steamer *Waialeale* sailed this morning for Hanakoa and Lahaina.

H. M. S. *Champion* is expected to arrive here soon from Esquimaux.

There was but one passenger by the *Waialeale* this morning, Mr. Schwab being the only one booked.

The steamer *Kaala* is not expected to come off the marine railway for several days yet.

The new iron plates were put in the damaged starboard bulwarks of the bark *C. P. Pfluger* yesterday.

The firing aboard the Philadelphia this morning was in honor of the British Minister, who called officially.

Consul Mills and Vice-Consul Boyd paid a visit to the Adams this afternoon. After leaving the Adams the gentleman called on the Philadelphia and received a salute of seven guns.

There are but twelve foreign vessels in port at present, and of these several are anchored in the stream waiting for cargoes and one is undergoing repairs, consequently there is very little loading or discharging going on and the principal occupation of most of the waterfront people is talking politics and swapping inaccuracies.

The damage to the *Miowera*, it appears, will be but slight, as the survey made by the divers yesterday showed that, aside from the damage done to the stern in the tearing away of the post and rudder, the principal harm to her is in the form of a few dents in the side plates. Regarding her engines, they are not so badly strained as was thought. This was proved yesterday by turning them over by hand. To-day men from the iron foundry are at work on the broken stern-post, and Lyle & Sorenson will commence the construction of the coffer dam to-day. Altogether, the *Miowera's* escape from far more serious injuries than she has sustained is a matter of surprise to all. The leak is nothing to speak of, and what water there is coming in comes principally from the mutilated stern.

For Kauai per steamship *Mikahala*, Nov. 14.—Miss Juliette Smith, P. N. de la Vergne, Lau Chong, E. K. Hendry, Miss K. McGrew and friend, and 40 on deck.

## DEPARTURES.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15.

Steamship *Waialeale*, Smythe, for Lahaina and Hanakoa, 9 A. M.

Schr. Mary E. Foster for Kauai.

Schr. Felix Peterson, for Makaweli.

Schr. Ka Mo'i for Hanakoa.

## IMPORTS AND CONSIGNEES.

Per steam *Claudine*—13 hogs, 100 sacks taro, 320 sacks potatoes, 75 sacks corn, 30 sacks beans, 113 pkgs sundries.

Per steam *Waialeale*—3229 bags sugar, 75 green hides, 30 head cattle.

## VESSELS IN PORT.

NAVAL VESSELS.

U. S. S. *Adams*, Nelson, San Francisco.

U. S. S. *Philadelphia*, Barker, Callao.

## MERCHANTMEN.

German bk J. C. Pfluger, Bremen.

Am sch Transit, Jorgensen, San Francisco.

Am sch Robert Lowers, Goodman, Port Gibb.

Am sch Beaudouin, Bastianien, Newcastle.

Am sch R. P. Ellett, Morrison, San Fran.

Am sch W. G. Irwin, Nelson, San Fran.

Yacht *To na*, Tolua, San Francisco.

Am bk Matilda, Stevenson, Nansimo, B. C.

Am bk Kikiki, Fort (Smith), Honolulu.

Am bk S. C. Allen, Thompson, San Fran.

Am bk Albert, Griffith, San Francisco.

## FOREIGN VESSELS EXPECTED.

Sailed

Am bk Martha Davies, Boston Aug 18

Am bk Villita, Liverpool Aug 16

Am bk G. Condo, S. F. Kah Oct 27

Am bk J. D. Sprickles, S. F. Kah Oct 27

Haw sch J. G. North, S. F. Mah Oct 27

Am sch Allen A. Eureka Oct 27

Am sch Glendora, Eureka Oct 27

Am sch Anna, S. F. Kah Oct 27

Ger bk Nautilus, Liverpool Dec 29

Am sch Larkins, S. F. Hilo Dec 29

Schr Haleakala, Fanning's Island Nov 2

Am bk Westler, NSW Oct 27

Br bk Duke of Argyll, NSW Nov 2

Am bk Alden Bess, S. F. Nov 2

Am bk C. D. Bryant, S. F. Nov 2

Am bk Enock Talbot, Port Gamble Nov 2

Ger bk Galveston, Hongkong Nov 2

Am bk Plauter, S. F. Nov 2

Am bk Discovery, S. F. Nov 2

Am bk Amelia, Port Blakely Dec 2

Am sch Alice Cooke, Port Blakely Dec 2

FOREIGN MAIL SERVICE.

Steamships will leave for and arrive from San Francisco on the following dates, till the close of 1894.

ARRIVE AT HONOLULU FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

Alameda, Nov 16

Miowera (Van), Dec 3

Oceanic, Dec 4

Australia, Dec 5

Mariposa, Dec 12

Warrimoo (Van), Jan 2

City Peking, Jan 2

Australia, Jan 8

Warrimoo (Van), Jan 29

Oceanic, Feb 12

Mariposa, Jan 18

Australia, Jan 27

China, Feb 7

Monowai, Feb 15

Mariposa, Feb 24

China, Mar 3

Alameda, Mar 10

Monowai, Mar 24

Australia, Apr 12

Mariposa, Apr 22

Monowai, May 14

Australia, May 24

China, Apr 7

Australia, May 19

Alameda, June 7

Australia, June 16

Mariposa, July 4

Monowai, July 14

Australia, Aug 2

China, Aug 11

Australia, Aug 23

Mariposa, Sept 9

Monowai, Sept 20

Australia, Oct 8

China, Oct 25

Monowai, Oct 25

I. O. O. F.

HARMONY LODGE No. 2, I. O. O. F., MEETS in Harmony Hall, W. W. R. Block, King Street, every Monday, at 7:30 P. M. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend.

D. P. LAWRENCE, GEO. A. TURNER, Noble Grand, Secretary.

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